असामान्यताओं तथा कीटों और रोगों के हमले में इन फसलों की संवेदनशीलता है ।

Import of black gram

2450. SHRI YADLAPATI VENTKAT RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether black gram is being imported from countries like Burma etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that the black gram prices arc dipped down to 900 rupees per quintal after import;

(d) the prices of imported black gram; and

(e) what are the steps taken to ensure remunerative priee to farmers for black gram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government resorts to improt of pulses to bridge the gap between demand and supply.

(c) The current wholesale prices of black gram at selected centres of the country are ruling in the range of Rs. 1075-1850 per quintal.

(d) As per the latest available information, the average price of black gram imported from Myanmar during April-July, 1997 worked out to Rs. 1225 per quintal.

(e) The Government fixes minimum support prices of major agricultural commodities including black gram. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) is the central nodal agency for undertaking price support operations in respect of pulses including black gram.

मध्य प्रदेश में गेहूं की कीमतों में गिरावट

2451.**श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश में गेहूं की कीमतों में गिरावट आई है जिसके परिणामस्परूप किसानों को भारी नुकसान हो रहा हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं;और

(ग) किसानों को उनके उत्पादन का लाभकारी मूल्य दिलाने में सहायता करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य(श्री सोम पाल): (क) और(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में महत्वपूर्ण केन्द्रों पर गेंहू के थोक मूल्य सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित किए गए गेहूं के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों से अधिक है । इन चुनिंदा केन्द्रों में गेहूं वर्तमान थोक मूल्य 540 रूपये प्रति क्विंटल से 800 रूपये प्रति क्विंटल के बीच है ।

(ग) मूल्य समर्थन संबंधी कार्य इसलिए किए जाते हैं ताकि किसानों को अपने उत्पादन मजबूरी में बेचने न पड़ें । देश भर में खरीद केन्द्रों का एक तन्त्र स्थापित किया जाता है तथा समय-समय पर आवश्यकतानुसार इसका विस्तार भी किया जाता है । प्रत्येक विपणन मौसल के आरम्भ होने पर पहले ही खरीद के प्रबंध कर लिए जाते हैं ।

World Bank's Assistance to Karnataka

2452. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance provided by World Bank to Karnataka under National Agricultural Extension Projects;

(b) whether government have made a review of the effect on these projects due to recently imposed sanctions;

(c)If so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The World Bank assistance provided to Karnataka under National Agricultural Extension Project

(NAEP) tor the project period (1985—1993) accounted to Rs. 246.78 million.

(b) to (d) Since the project stands closed in 1993 the question of effects of recently imposed sanctions does not arise.

Foodgrains Production

2453. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise foodgrains production for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the productivity per hectare, Statewise; and

(c) the reasons for disparities in productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) A statement giving State wise production and productivity of foodgrains is enclosed *(See* below).

(c) The disparities in productivity among States is mainly attributed to the divergence in the natural endowments of the States such as climatic conditions, soil characteristics and water availability. The irrigation infrastructure as well as agricul-tural practices followed in different parts of the country also lead to the disparities in productivity.

Statement

State wise Estimates of Production and Productivity of Total Foodgrains, 1994-95 to 1997-98

STATE	PRODUCTION (THOUSAND TONNES)				YIELD (KG/HEC)			
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	*9*
Andhra Pradesh	11784	11667	12684	10421	1713	1693	1776	1676
Assam	3489	3561	3532	3804	1308	1306	1294	1344
Bihar	12971	12953	14134	13289	1446	1440	1560	1525
Gujarat	5247	4103	5209	5700	1249	1094	1303	1365
Haryana	10994	10137	11455	10980	2730	2539	2843	2700
Himachal Pradesh	1407	1362	1289	1409	1643	1602	1562	1658
Jammu Kashmir	1443	1473	1324	1644	1630	1672	1508	1959
Karnataka	8107	8646	9271	8638	1152	1261	1272	1209
Kerala	1000	974	858	1151	1873	1943	1863	2252
Madhya Pradesh	19428	18073	19563	18813	1088	1032	1106	1068
Maharashtra	11525	11604	14590	10172	852	874	1058	772
Orissa	6899	6802	4834	6871	1231	1201	873	1219
Punjab	21817	19806	21564	21649	3684	3471	3787	3729
Rajasthan	11710	9567	12838	12925	906	804	998	995
Tamil Nadu	9088	6405	7645	8761	2358	1918	1787	2086
Uttar Pradesh	39208	38368	42693	42001	1918	1886	2083	2051
West Bengal	13279	12885	13739	13803	2077	1960	2133	2107
Others	2101	2028	2099	2096	1653	1610	1620	1611
AH India	191495	180415	199321	194127	1546	1491	1601	1577